

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Chang et al.

Serial No.: 10/724,897 **Group Art Unit:** 2168

Filed: December 2, 2003 **Examiner:** Pham, Hung Q.

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INDEXING, SEARCHING, AND RETRIEVING
SEMANTIC OBJECTS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 – 1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on May 3, 2007, and further to the Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR §1.116 filed on July 3, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-19, 21-31, and 33-38 are all the claims presently pending in the application. New claim 38 has been added to ensure that a new issue is present in the evaluation under the concurrently-filed RCE. The basis for this new claim is found at lines 17-20 of page 10 of the specification. Claims 1, 14, and 26 are independent.